

GIGANTIC DEAL IS IN PROGRESS

Lewis Brothers Negotiate for Purchase of Keith-O'Brien's.

STOCK IS BEING TAKEN

BIG STORE HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS BUSINESS.

One of the most important business deals of recent years is now pending in this city, with the indications pointing to a successful purchase of the Keith-O'Brien store just as it stands by O. K. and Walter Lewis, formerly of Butte, Mont. Merchandise and store fixtures representing several hundred thousand dollars are involved in the deal. Negotiations have been in progress for a month or more and it is now understood that only an agreement as to price to be paid for the stock remains to be reached before the complete closing of the deal is announced.

O. K. and Walter Lewis are recognized as among the most successful dry goods men of the west. After the fire in Butte a few months ago they sold their fine business and stock in that city to Symons Brothers, who were burned out. Since then the Lewis brothers have been looking about for a location in which to resume business. The recent tremendous impetus given Salt Lake City naturally attracted their attention. Nothing but the best will satisfy them in any community. This relates to location as well as to the class of trade. The Keith-O'Brien establishment made a powerful appeal to them. They recognized the wonderful possibilities of the store, and for these reasons negotiations were opened without delay.

Record of Unbroken Success.

Lewis Brothers learned the dry goods trade in Salt Lake City. They clerked for a number of years in the Walker Brothers' Dry Goods store. They married sisters, daughters of S. S. Walker. A number of years ago they established a modest store in Butte. They built up a trade until it cut an important figure in the business of the city. It was then purchased by D. J. Hennessey for \$15,000. Some years later they returned to Butte and opened a new store. They carried the best goods in the city and catered to the best trade of Montana. They purchased seal skins in Alaska and sent them to New York to be made up to order. This is an indication as to the character of their business. They were successful in a marked degree and sold out to Symons Brothers recently on their own terms. Since then they have been in Salt Lake City.

What the Keith-O'Brien Has Done.

The Keith-O'Brien company has been doing business in this city for over three years. The building in which the store is located was erected by David Keith especially for the purpose. The store room and basement have few equals in the entire west, either as to size or arrangements. Right from the start the company did a tremendous business. Its influence has been felt throughout the entire surrounding country. The present officials of the company are: W. W. Armstrong, president; J. S. Bransford, vice president; E. G. Kidder, secretary, and John Lewis, manager. A general business in dry goods, shoes, carpets, millinery, crockery, glassware and notions is conducted. A number of the wealthiest and best known residents of Salt Lake City are among the stockholders of the company. A splendid stock of goods in all lines has been carried from the beginning. The business of the company has been immense.

Representatives of both the Keith-O'Brien company and the Lewis Brothers admitted yesterday that the negotiations were in progress for the transfer of the store. It is also generally known that stock is being taken throughout the store. But both sides asserted positively that the deal had not been closed, and they were not in a position to say positively that it would be closed.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO COLLEGE.

Captain H. D. Styer, U. S. A., instructor in military science at the Agricultural college at Logan, is spending the holidays in Salt Lake. He says the cadet battalion is in fine condition, and that the institution itself is one of the finest of its kind in the country. He has one more year to serve there, following which he will rejoin his regiment, now in the Philippines.

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IS ALL RIGHT

To heat your houses with this cold weather, but for perfect telephone service people are installing "The Phone That Talks."

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IN ITS OWN BUILDING.

FOR STEALING ELECTRICITY

W. T. Conway Is Arrested, Charged With Tapping Wires.

"JUMPER" SAID TO BE USED

LIGHT COMPANY'S INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN WARRANT.

W. T. Conway is accused of using what the Utah Light & Railway company officials regard as a "jumper" of a character most "unholy" for the purpose of defrauding the company of its increment from light supplied to the Conway home at 374 Fourth street. Conway was arrested yesterday, charged with a violation of section 4371, revised statutes, which makes it a misdemeanor to employ a device to secure electricity without causing the current to pass through the meter provided for registering the quantity of electricity consumed.

The electric light experts give Conway credit for constructing the smoothest device they have encountered. His method of keeping the light bill down was worked successfully from about the middle of October until Dec. 9, when the company got "on." Whether the exact amount of registering done by the Conway meter aroused suspicion is not stated, but George R. Pyper and Don S. Campbell, inspectors for the company, visited the Conway residence Dec. 9, ostensibly to read or inspect the meter. They pried around a bit and turned on the lights of the house. Next they turned off the main switch ahead of the meter, but the lights continued to burn.

"Summat Wrang," They Say.

"Hoots, George, mon!" remarked Mr. Campbell. "I'm telling thee there is summat wrang with the hoose."

Mr. Pyper concurred. Being inspectors, they knew what the layman might not know, to-wit: When the main switch is thrown off and the lights hold out to burn, the current passeth not through the meter.

The inspectors proceeded to inspect and encountered the "unholy jumper" presently. A "jumper" is a connected wire that passes around the meter. That is to say, it "jumps" the meter, hence the name.

Complaint Is Issued.

The case was laid before Assistant County Attorney Willard Hanson. After hearing a statement of the alleged facts in the matter, Mr. Hanson drew a complaint, which was sworn to by M. C. Godbe, city superintendent of light service for the company. Conway was arrested yesterday afternoon and made a verbal admission that he had done the wiring himself. He is known as a man of an inventive turn of mind and had evolved several clever mechanical devices.

Under the statutes of the state, the offense constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable by six months in the county jail or a fine of \$300 or both.

Lights and shadows of a great city, the slums of Chicago, First Baptist church tonight.

VISITS HISTORIC SCENES

Mormon Church Party Sees Old Church Relics in New York and Ohio.

President Joseph F. Smith and party, now in the east, dispatches say, visited Joseph F. Smith's old home in Manchester township, New York, where the Book of Mormon was translated. They also went through the grove where Joseph Smith was declared to have had his vision, and visited the Hill Cumorah, where the golden plates were found from which the Book of Mormon was translated.

In Palmyra, N. Y., they saw the press upon which the book was printed. Then they went to Kirtland, O., which is a historic spot in the history of the church. President Smith here visited his father's old residence. The party arrived in Chicago yesterday, and from there left for Kenosha, Wis., where they will visit the Bain wagon factory by invitation.

STILL GROWING

Demand for Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets Continues to Increase—Endorsed and Guaranteed by F. C. Schramm.

Although Mi-o-na was introduced in Salt Lake City but a short time ago, it is today outselling all other medicines for the cure of indigestion and stomach troubles.

"Your money back if you want it," is the way in which F. C. Schramm is selling this popular remedy. This is an unusual plan, but Mi-o-na is so reliable in almost invariably curing all forms of indigestion and stomach troubles, except cancer, that he runs but little risk in selling under a guarantee of this kind.

Mi-o-na gives such health and strength to the weakest stomach that all the food is readily converted into nutrition, so that it gives nourishment and health to the whole system. In this way nervousness and sleeplessness are cured; headaches, backaches and rheumatic pains are prevented; and there will be no more poor appetite, distress after eating, heartburn, or debility.

Mi-o-na costs but 50 cents a box, and F. C. Schramm will guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure. The risk is all his.

For sale by F. C. Schramm, corner 1st So. and Main streets, "Where the Cars Stop."

WEDDING OF DUSKY LOVERS FIRST BUSINESS IN NEW JUVENILE COURT ROOM

Judge Willis Brown's new court room in the City and County building was formally opened with a marriage ceremony yesterday, the high contracting parties being Miss Bertha Lewis and Preston F. Rucker of St. Louis. The bridegroom is a Pullman car porter and the bride is but 16 years of age. Both are colored.

The bride had been in the custody of the juvenile court for two weeks. Mrs. Estella Montgomery Finley, who was appointed guardian of the girl in Colorado, did not discharge her trust in a manner satisfactory to the girl, who entered formal complaint before Judge Brown. Mrs. Finley did not approve the marriage project, which appealed strongly to Miss Lewis. The girl was placed in the hands of a probation officer.

Mrs. Finley at length consented to the match and accompanied the happy young folks to the county clerk's office yesterday forenoon. There, with Probation Officer M. M. Woods and County Commissioner E. D. Miller as witnesses, Mrs. Finley filed her written consent to the marriage of her ward.

BIBULOUS MUST MIX THEIR OWN "TOM AND JERRY" AND "ROCK AND RYE"

Hereafter when a Salt Laker afflicted with a cold, or whose bibulous instincts cause him to imagine that he is under the necessity of imbibing stimulants calls for "rock and rye," the urbane and gentlemanly bartender will pour a small portion of rock candy syrup into the bottom of a glass and set forth a bottle of rye whiskey. Likewise the "Tom and Jerry" fiend will pour his own liquor into the egg and sugar paste which constitute a portion of the ingredients of that beverage.

For the internal revenue department has served notice that any saloon keeper who mixes up rock and rye or "Tom and Jerry" in advance must take a rectifier's license unless he wants to come into violent collision with Uncle Sam. Saloon keepers may mix one drink of such beverages in the presence

of a customer who calls for it; but to prepare a supply in advance requires an additional license. So hereafter saloon keepers who believe in observing the statutes and want to save money will keep the alcoholic and non-alcoholic portions of beverages separated until the moment of consumption.

The statute in question is an old one, but only recently, when a "Tom and Jerry" bowl has made its appearance on nearly every table in town, has it been deemed necessary to call the particular attention of the saloon keepers to it. All saloon keepers have to pay a government license of \$25 a year, any way, and a rectifier's license costs \$100 a year where the amount rectified is less than 2,000 barrels per annum, and \$200 where it exceeds that number of barrels.

SAVES REASON OF PUSSY CAT

Herald Printer Intervenes to Keep Her From Going Insane.

SHE DIDN'T LIKE TO MOVE

JOINS COCKROACHES IN THE NEW COMPOSING ROOM.

A tortoise shell cat, which for six months has made her habitation in The Herald composing room, was saved from a violent attack of insanity, possibly from death by suicide, through the thoughtfulness of a printer Wednesday.

When the work of moving The Herald plant to its new building was commenced Christmas night, the cat viewed the proceedings with a dismay that grew as the dismantling of the old composing room proceeded. The dismay was manifested by hideous mewings that increased rapidly in violence, coupled with a look of despair. The printers feared that the cat, her reason dethroned, would jump into a hot metal pot and end her miserable existence.

After the plant had been moved the cat continued to haunt the old composing room until Wednesday afternoon a printer carried her protesting to the new composing room. It was dark there, and the cat's distress continued until evening when the electric lights were turned on and the metal pots lighted. Then her face lighted up, and after sniffing the smoke from the metal and making a feverish inspection of the room to see if she had really been restored to her legal place of residence, the cat settled down to rest with purrings of content. She is perfectly happy again.

Don't Usually Last Long.

The cat in question, contrary to the usual rule, has become almost a fixture in The Herald composing room. Printer says that she should know, that usually cats die quickly in modern printing offices. Either the metal laden atmosphere around linotype machines or association with printers, causes them to have fits, and they die a violent death. The result is that in all large printing offices there is an endless succession of cats, who after violent paroxysms of feline epilepsy, pass to the happy hunting grounds. Three months is declared to be the average life of a cat after it enters a printing establishment.

Cockroaches on Hand.

It is a tradition of newspaper offices the world around that where there is a printing office there will be cockroaches; and the new Herald building is no exception to the rule. A few cockroaches were discovered before the printers had fairly started work in their new place, and it is believed they left the old composing room in advance of the printers themselves so as to be on hand in time.

A newspaper office without cockroaches wouldn't be a newspaper office. Only journalists could thrive without them—newspaper men never could. A paste-pot has a peculiar attraction for the omnipresent cockroach, and in idle moments the telegraph editor, who uses more paste than any other man in the office, whistles for the cockroaches to come to him. He lines them up on dress parade, and, if they present a fine military appearance, feeds them paste out of the hand as a reward.

Mice There, Too.

One would think that in a brand new building, without the usual apertures for egress and ingress, and mice, for a short season at least, would give the place a wide berth, particularly as there was absolutely nothing for them to feed upon. But the mice were in the Herald building in advance of the printers, so the tortoise shell cat, before she dies of fits and passes to the other side has a mission to perform.

LOCAL BRIEFS

OPEN HOUSE FOR ELKS.—The Elks will keep open house on New Year's day from noon until 8 o'clock in the evening.

UNIVERSITY CLUB JINKS.—The annual high jinks of the University club will be given Saturday night. There will be a musical and vaudeville programme.

MARRIED BY THE BISHOP.—George M. Crossman and Elizabeth Barnett, both of Park City, were married by Bishop Laurence Scanlan at the White House last evening.

GETS STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.—Miss Grace Frost, principal of the Utah school building in Salt Lake, has been awarded a state high school diploma by the state board of education.

TO DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL.—Superintendent J. W. Smith of the Salt Lake county schools and State Superintendent A. C. Nelson will take part in the dedicatory ceremonies at the new West Side school building at Murray at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The building is a twelve-room structure of brick and stone and cost \$25,000.

DIED.

MARCIL.—In this city, Dec. 27, Alexis Marcil, in his 32nd year.

Funeral services will be held at the Elks' hall at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral services over the remains of Anton Peterson, aged 40 years, a miner from Bingham, Utah, will be held Sunday, Dec. 31, at 11 a. m., from the funeral chapel of Undertaker Joseph William Taylor, 21 South West Temple street. Friends are invited to attend. The funeral services will be conducted by the Danish Brotherhood, of which deceased was a member. Interment in city cemetery.

DEEDS AWAY A FRANCHISE

James H. Anderson Transfers His Grant of Water Main Privileges.

James H. Anderson, former county commissioner, yesterday filed in the office of the county recorder, a deed to the Salt Lake County Water company, formerly the Sandy Water company. The instrument filed yesterday shows that Mr. Anderson receives sixty shares of stock in the company in return for



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